**TPCASTT Template**

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| **TPCASTT: Poem Analysis Method:** title, paraphrase, connotation, diction, attitude, tone, shift(s), title revisited and theme | |
| **T** | **I think the Title of poem means:**  I think that the title of my poem means that war has no faults and there are no problems with it. |
| **P** | **Paraphrase parts of the Poem**  Look at all the dead bodies lying on the ground, with animals eating them, lying in their own blood. The older soldiers are clinging to their lives back home, of their children, while stuck next to their dead comrades. All the young girls are sad that every time they get to know a boy he’s going off to war. Mothers and Wives are full of grief, and are trying to get rid of the grief. We must tell the children their siblings or parents are dead, who wander our empty homeland. |
| **C** | **Connotation of some of the words—changing literal meaning to implied or associated values**  Diction:  Swelling: growing with the soldiers that they have met  Literary Devices  Hyperbole: young girls swelling with the unwanted gifts of swift strong men  Personification: mothers and wives pulling on veils of grief  Imagery: 1. Ravens plucking out the eyes on the blood packed sand.  2. Inform the children who wander dazed with thirst |
| **A** | **Attitude—What is the attitude of the author, characters, or yourself?**  The attitude of the poem is very sad. Many people have died, fathers are remembering their kids, and mothers are finding out their loved ones are dead. |
| **S** | **Shift—At first we think or feel one way—then there is a shift: identify the shifts and explain them**  Starts out with you feeling grossed out about the ravens picking out the eyes of the dead bodies. Then it switches to fathers cradling the hopes of seeing their families again. Then to young girls who are always watching the men going off to war. Then to mothers who are finding out that their kids or husbands are now dead. Then the mothers have to tell their kids that the people they love are now dead. |
| **T** | **Title revisited—any new insights on meaning or significance of title.**  Now I think that the title is mocking war and is saying the exact opposite. It says that war is very bad and we need to realize what is actually happening. |
| **T** | **Theme or Author’s Purpose**  I think that the theme of this poem is war is bad and we should not go into it. |